



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:	)	Before the Examiner:
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Application of Serial No. 10/698,702	)	Group Art Unit 3733
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INTERBODY FUSION GRAFTS	)	
AND INSTRUMENTATION	)	

**AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**

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Please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks in the subject application. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

A Notice of Allowance was mailed to the Applicant on August 7, 2009. The Applicant has noted informalities associated with the priority claim set forth in the subject application. To address these informalities, the Applicant submits this amendment under 37 CFR 1.312. The Applicant further submits that no new subject matter has been added via this amendment.